



City of Madison Fire Department

News Release

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Fire Burns Prairie Ridge Park and Burns Close To Homes

A brush fire at Prairie Ridge Park off Raymond Road burned several acres on Friday, March 27, 2009 around 1:40 PM. Six area fire departments responded to the fire: City of Madison, Verona, Belleville, Oregon, Fitchburg and Fitch-Rona. Tanker trucks from Oregon and Belleville were called to the scene to help with water supply. No hydrants were present along Raymond Road, by the park.

Traffic was blocked off at Midtown & Marty Road, Raymond & South High Point and Raymond & Mid Town Road by City of Madison Police and Dane County Sheriff's Department.

10-foot flames could be seen burning in the field. The fire burned near Raymond Road and headed South towards the homes on Berkley Drive, Interlaken Pass and Wentworth Drive. A homeowner who lives on Interlaken Pass called 911, reporting the fire was getting very close to their home. Firefighters had the fire under control at 3:02 PM.

Around 50 firefighters fought the fire using ATV's supplied with wild land firefighting equipment – tanks and pumps, brush trucks and by foot using flails, shovels and water packs. City of Madison Firefighters helped protect the homes, by hooking up to fire hydrants in the neighborhood and pulling hoses between the homes.

No one was injured and no homes were burned.

The fire is under investigation.

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